

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82A-39

Building Date: 1850's

Building Name: Mount Clare (Charles Branch)

Location: 6606 Woodyard Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

Mount Clare (Charles Branch) is a two-and-one-half story frame dwelling house which stands on a knoll overlooking the old road between Mellwood and the Woodyard. The main block is side gabled, three bays by one bay, with entrance in the central bay of the principal north facade. The double door is sheltered by a one-story flat-roof entry porch, supported by square posts with solid jigsaw brackets. Windows are grouped in pairs, long narrow 4/4 double hung sashes, with molded lintels, plain board sills and black louvered shutters. Above the entry porch at third level, the principal north facade is highlighted by a central crossgable, lighted by a round-arched window. Identical windows light the east and west gable ends. Siding of the main block is of channelled horizontal board on north and west gable, and plain horizontal board on the east and rear elevations. The eaves are supported by solid jigsaw brackets. There are two corbelled brick chimneys at the ridge, flanking the central stairhall. A lower two-and-one-half-story gable-roof kitchen wing extends east from the east gable end.

Significance

Mount Clare (Charles Branch) is an excellent example of an early Victorian I-house with Italianate decorative elements, one of approximately six surviving houses of its type built in Prince George's County in the third quarter of the nineteenth century. Mount Clare was built in the mid 1850's for Richard Oden Mullikin on part of the Woodyard estate. It followed the standard I-house form, but was distinguished by a few Italianate decorative details: overhanging eaves punctuated by boldly profiled cornice brackets, paired windows with molded lintels, and round-arch windows lighting the central crossgable and the gable ends. Mullikin's 284-acre plantation came to be known as Charles Branch, after the Western Branch tributary of that name which flowed through the property. Mullikin's fortune declined after the Civil War; in 1876 the Charles Branch farm was sold to John Binger. The Binger family undertook several improvements in the early years of their residence. A kitchen wing was built onto the east gable end of the house; the east parlor was enlarged and divided, and a projecting semi-octagonal bay was added. This enlarged dwelling remained the Binger family home for three generations. In 1961 the house and 12 acres were sold to the present owners, who renamed the farm Mount Clare. It is a visible landmark atop the highest point of land along Woodyard Road. Mount Clare is one of only a few remaining highstyle I-house dwellings of the third quarter of the nineteenth century in Prince George's County.

Acreage: 12.328 acres

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Charles Branch

and/or common Mount Clare (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 6606 Woodyard Road (Maryland Route 233) ☐ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro ☐ Mellwood ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
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<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard B. Bland

street & number 6606 Woodyard Road telephone no.: 599-6162

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Maryland 20870

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4525

street & number Main Street folio 249

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, c/o M-NCPPC, CAB

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Mount Clare (Charles Branch) is a two-and-one-half story frame dwelling house which stands on a knoll overlooking the old road between Mellwood and the Woodyard. It is distinguished by its prominent site, its expanded I-house design, and the jigsaw brackets which decorate its cornice.

The house consists of a main block with an attached lower kitchen wing. The main block is side gabled, three bays by one bay, with entrance in the central bay of the principal north facade. The entrance is through a double door with molded panels. Each leaf of the door has a round-arched upper panel and an octagonal lower panel; each panel shows evidence of change from original round arch and rectangle. The door enframing has plain board with molded backband, and a molded lintel enclosing a three-light transom. The entrance is sheltered by a one-story flat-roof entry porch, supported by square posts with molded capitals and solid jigsaw brackets. The porch rests on stone piers; it has a molded modillion cornice, and flat jigsaw balusters form a second-story balustrade around the flat roof.

Windows are grouped in pairs, long narrow 4/4 double hung sashes; they have board surrounds with molded lintels, plain board sills and black louvered shutters. Above the entry porch at third level, the principal north facade is highlighted by a central crossgable, lighted by a four-pane round-arched window. Identical round-arched windows light the loft level at the east and west gable ends.

Siding of the main block is of channelled horizontal board on the north front and west gable end, and plain horizontal board on the rear elevation and east gable end, all painted white. Cornerboards are beaded. The eaves have a deep overhang, and are supported by solid jigsaw brackets of two types, the more ornate decorating the raking cornices of the north crossgable and the gable ends. The gable roof is covered with black asbestos shingle; there are two corbelled brick chimneys at the ridge, flanking the central stairhall. The building rests on a high brick foundation, which enclosed a shallow cellar. This cellar space was excavated an additional two feet in the 1960's, and finished. There is a one-story flat-roof porch across the south rear facade; the deck above it is bounded by a plain rail balustrade, and continues east above a one-story semi-octagonal projecting bay in the third (eastmost) bay.

A lower two-and-one-half-story gable-roof kitchen wing extends east from the east gable end, inset on both sides. It is one bay by one bay, with a crossgable pantry space on the south. Entry to the kitchen wing is through a one story hip-roof corner porch at the southeast corner.

Interior plan of the main block consists of central stairhall with flanking parlors, an I-house plan. The two-run open-string staircase rises along the east wall of the stairhall, turns 90° at a landing, and turns again 90° to the second story. There is a heavy turned walnut newel with mitred cap, turned balusters, and bracketed stairends. Floor boards are pine, of random widths. Door and windows surrounds throughout the main block are boldly profiled with cyma reversa and astragal moldings. The baseboards are plain two-step board, to which an ogee crown molding was added in the 1960's. The large formal parlor on the west has a fireplace centered in its interior wall; it is adorned with a handsome black marble mantel, with arched opening, incised decoration, and central cartouche. The space east of the stairhall is divided into two smaller rooms. The plain wooden mantel was removed in the 1960's from the interior wall of the northerly space, and replaced by a new mantel. The rear (southeasterly) space was enlarged in the 1870's by the addition of the projecting semi-octagonal bay, accessible by a structural-arch opening cut into the (original) south exterior wall.

Mount Clare stands on a knoll in a grove of trees, with landscaped garden on the north, and paddocks on the other three sides bounded by white rail fences. There is small modern garage structure southeast of the house, within the fence line. Farther east, on an unpaved drive, is a large gable-roof barn. Originally built as a tobacco barn, it has been converted for the stabling of horses and storage of hay; it was constructed with hand-hewn beams and pegs, and now has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. Entrance is in its west gable end. Immediately north of the barn is a gable-roof implement shed, now expanded by a shed-roof wing to the south.

West of the house, where the entrance lane leads east from the Woodyard road, is an older tobacco barn with vertical siding and corrugated metal roof.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
1850's	
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Mount Clare (Charles Branch) is an excellent example of an early Victorian I-house with Italianate decorative elements, later enlarged and embellished with typical Victorian features. It is one of approximately six surviving houses of its type built in Prince George's County in the third quarter of the nineteenth century.

Mount Clare was built in the mid 1850's for Richard Oden Mullikin at approximately the time of his marriage. Mullikin was the grandson of Benjamin Oden of Bellefields, who in 1825 had purchased 877 acres of The Woodyard out of the estate of Revolutionary War merchant Stephen West (his father-in-law).¹ When Oden died in 1836, he devised the Woodyard property to his son-in-law, William Duckett Bowie, in trust for his daughter, Sophia Oden Mullikin, and her heirs.² Sophia Oden Mullikin died in 1851, and her son, Richard Oden Mullikin, brought suit against his uncle (William Duckett Bowie) to carry out the provisions of his grandfather's will.³ Accordingly, in July 1853, Charles Clagett was appointed trustee, and sold to Richard O. Mullikin 284 acres of the Woodyard; Mullikin married soon after this, and built the subject house on the property.⁴ It followed the standard I-house form, but was distinguished by a few Italianate decorative details: overhanging eaves punctuated by boldly profiled cornice brackets, paired windows with molded lintels, and round-arch windows lighting the central crossgable and the gable ends.

Richard O. Mullikin was a planter who, with his family, moved in the same social circles with the Clagetts and Bowies, and other wealthy land-owners of the Marlboro area. His 284-acre plantation came to be known as Charles Branch, after the Western Branch tributary of that name which flowed through the property. It is not certain exactly when the house was completed. The land was unimproved at the time Mullikin acquired it in 1853, but certainly the Mullikins were living in the completed Charles Branch plantation house by early 1858 at the time of the death of their infant son.⁵

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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As with most planters, Mullikin's fortune declined after the Civil War, and in 1875 he and his wife sold the Charles Branch farm to their brother-in-law, Charles Clagett of The Cottage; Clagett sold the farm to John and Frederick Binger, and for two more generations it was known locally as the Binger Farm.⁶

The Binger family undertook several improvements in the early years of their residence. A kitchen wing was built onto the east gable end of the house (the original kitchen was probably at basement level under the northeast space; a fireplace in this basement space is now closed). The east parlor was enlarged, and a projecting semi-octagonal bay was added on its south (rear) wall; this enlarged space was then divided into two adjoining rooms. The present north entry porch was probably added at the beginning of this century. This enlarged dwelling remained the Binger family home for three generations.

In 1961 the house and 12 acres were sold to the present owners, who renamed the farm Mount Clare. Since that time they have made a few minor alterations, e.g. removal and replacement of the east parlor mantel, and the excavation and finishing of the basement rooms. The house retains its distinctive features, however, and is a visible landmark atop the highest point of land along Woodyard Road. It is one of only a few remaining high-style I-house dwellings of the third quarter of the nineteenth century; similar buildings are Ashland (#79-11) built just after the Civil War, and the McLeod-Forrester House (#61-11) and the James Hamilton House (#74B-7) both from the 1870's. Another close parallel is Navajo (#78-22), built in the late 1870's by carpenter John C. Wyvill for Charles Clagett, brother-in-law of Richard O. Mullikin, as a home for Clagett's son, William Baruch Clagett. Navajo shares many features with Mount Clare: central cross-gable with round-arch window, cornice brackets, and paired windows. Unlike Mount Clare, however, Navajo is two rooms deep (i.e., it has a Georgian rather than an I-house plan), and its principal entrance has full enframing with transom and sidelights; Navajo's kitchen wing, contemporary with the main block, forms a rear ell and is not visible from the front as Mount Clare's is.⁷ Still, the principal facade of Navajo is very similar to that of Mount Clare, and it is likely that Clagett suggested his brother-in-law's house as a model for carpenter Wyvill; Clagett was the legal owner of Mount Clare in 1875. Because of their outstanding siting and resulting visibility, Mount Clare and Navajo are the most prominent examples of this type of dwelling in Prince George's County.

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Deed, AB #3:628.
- 2 Prince George's County Will, PC #1:60.
- 3 Prince George's County Equity #1.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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4 ibid; Prince George's County Deed, ON #1:409.

5 Prince George's County Tax Assessments; Planters' Advocate, 14 April 1858.

6 Prince George's County Deeds, HB #9:602; HB #11:5.

7 cf. MHT Inventory files P.G. #61-11, P.G. #74B-7, P.G. #78-22 and P.G. #79-11.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. notes, Item #8
Cf. Chain of Title

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 12.328 acresQuadrangle name Upper MarlboroTax Map #109, parcel 1
Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	<u>Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian</u>		
organization	<u>c/o M-NCPPC, #4010 CAB</u>	date	<u>November 1987</u>
street & number	<u>14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive</u>	telephone	<u>952-3521</u>
city or town	<u>Upper Marlboro</u>	state	<u>Maryland 20772</u>

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 82A-39 Date 1850's
Building Name Mt. Clare (Mullikin-Binger house)
Location 6606 Woodyard Road, Upper Marlboro
Open to Public yes x no

This is a two-story frame house with a three-bay main (north) facade. The central doorway has a four-light transom. There is a porch sheltering this north central entrance, with bracketed posts and a flat roof with jigsaw-work balustrade. Over the porch is a peaked gable, with a semi-circular arched window at attic level. There are two interior chimneys at the ridge. Extending to the east of the main house is a lower two-story two-bay wing.

The house was built in the 1850's by Richard O. Mullikin, who in 1853 received the 284 acre tract out of the estate of his deceased grandfather, Benjamin Oden. The tract had been part of Stephen West's "Woodyard", purchased by Oden from West's son in 1825. In 1876, the farm was sold to John Binger and it came to be known thenceforth as the Binger farm. After three generations of Binger residence, it was sold in 1961 to the present owners, who have given it the name of "Mt. Clare". Its well-kept beauty and prominent location make it an important site.

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P.G. 82A-39

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Binger Farm

AND/OR COMMON Mt. Clare

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
6606 Woodyard Road

CITY, TOWN
Upper Marlboro

VICINITY OF Mellwood

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
4th

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
P.G.

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Richard B. Bland

Telephone #: 599-6162

STREET & NUMBER
6606 Woodyard Road

CITY, TOWN
Upper Marlboro

VICINITY OF Mellwood

STATE, zip code
Md. 20870

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. P.G. County Courthouse

Liber #: 4525

Folio #: 249

STREET & NUMBER
Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Upper Marlboro

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE
1974

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Calvert Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Road

CITY, TOWN
Riverdale

STATE
Maryland 20840

7 DESCRIPTION

PG:82A-39

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mount Clare is a two-story frame house with a three-bay main (north) facade. The central doorway has a four-light transom. There is a porch sheltering this north central entrance, with bracketed posts and a flat roof with jigsaw-work balustrade. Over the porch is a peaked gable, with a semi-circular arched window at attic level. There are two interior chimneys at the ridge. The interior plan consists of a central hall with flanking parlors.

Extending to the east of the main house is a lower two-story two-bay wing.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

x local history

SPECIFIC DATES 1850's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house was built in the 1850's by Richard O. Mullikin, who in 1853 received the 284 acre tract out of the estate of his deceased grandfather, Benjamin Oden.¹ The tract had been part of Stephen West's "Woodyard", purchased by Oden from West's son in 1825.² In 1876, the farm was sold to John Binger, and it came to be known thenceforth as the Binger farm.³ After three generations of Binger residence, it was sold in 1961 to the present owner, who has given it the name "Mt. Clare".⁴ Its well-kept beauty and prominent location make it an important site.

1. P.G. Deeds ON#1:409
2. " AB#3:628
3. " HB#11:5
4. " 2573:129

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

P.G.C. Deeds: 4525:249; 2573:129; HB#22:5; HB#9:602;
ON#1:409; AB#3:628.

Wills: WTD#5:512; WAJJr#1:153; PC#1:60.

Equity #1

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan G. Pearl, Project Co-ordinator

ORGANIZATION

P.G. Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE

March 1980

STREET & NUMBER

Calvert Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

TELEPHONE

779-2011

CITY OR TOWN

Riverdale, Md. 20840

STATE

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CHAIN OF TITLE

Binger Farm (Mt. Clare)

P.G. ~~77-6~~

82A-39

4525:249
2 Sept 1975
Deed

From Richard B. and Mary T. Bland (under Richard B. Bland power of attorney) to Richard B. Bland in fee simple, 12.328 acres

2573:129
10 July 1961
Deed

Fred R. and Adelaide Binger to Richard B. and Mary Bland, 12.328 acres

WTD#5:512
20 April 1937
Will

Testator, Frederick Binger: to wife Rosa L. Binger during her life, and after her death to son Fred R. Binger, portion of the home farm lying south of the public road from Marlboro Pike to Clinton

WAJJr#1:153
15 Feb 1879
Will

Testator, John Binger: to youngest son, Frederick, all residue and remainder of property . .

HB#11:5
25 Jan 1876
Deed

Charles and Mary Clagett to John Binger (one third interest) and Frederick Binger (two thirds interest), part of Woodyard, same land recently owned by Richard O. Mullikin, 275 5/8 acres

HB#9:602
15 Jan 1875
Deed

From Richard O. and Mary Mullikin to Charles Clagett, 284½ acres, same land conveyed to Richard O. Mullikin by Charles Clagett, trustee

ON#1:409
14 July 1853
Deed

Charles Clagett, trustee to Richard O. Mullikin, 284½ acres, land of Benjamin Oden, deceased

#1
1852
Equity

Charles Clagett appointed trustee to sell land of Benjamin Oden, deceased, being held by William D. Bowie in trust for Oden's daughter (Richard O. Mullikin's mother) Sophia Mullikin, who died 1851

PC#1:60
13 Sept 1836
Will

Testator, Benjamin Oden: to William D. Bowie in trust for daughter Sophia Mullikin and her heirs, land I purchased from the late General Stephen West, over 600 acres

AB#3:628
2 June 1825
Deed

From Stephen West to Benjamin Oden, part of the Woodyard estate, 877½ acres, being part of the land assigned to Stephen West by commissioners appointed to divide the Woodyard estate between Stephen West and his brother, Richard W. West.

~~A.A. # 876~~

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

PG # 82A-39

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Mt. Clare				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Richard O. Mullikin House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 6606 Woodyard Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
				Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments				
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Richard Bland				
STREET AND NUMBER: 6606 Woodyard Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered		<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure with a three bay, main (north) facade. The central doorway has a four light transom; the flanking double windows are 4/4 double hung sash. There is a central gable with a semi-circular arched window. The eaves are bracketed. Over the windows are heavy cornices. There is a small porch with bracketed posts and a flat roof with jig-saw work balustrade. Large chimneys rise along either sidewall of the central hall.

At the east end is a lower, two story wing of two bays. It has an internal end chimney.

In plan, the house has a central hall and flanking parlors. The staircase with Italianate newel post, rises along the east wall of the hall. The fireplace in the main parlor is marble.

There are several barns standing on the property.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1855-6

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INST. INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 6 Aug 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

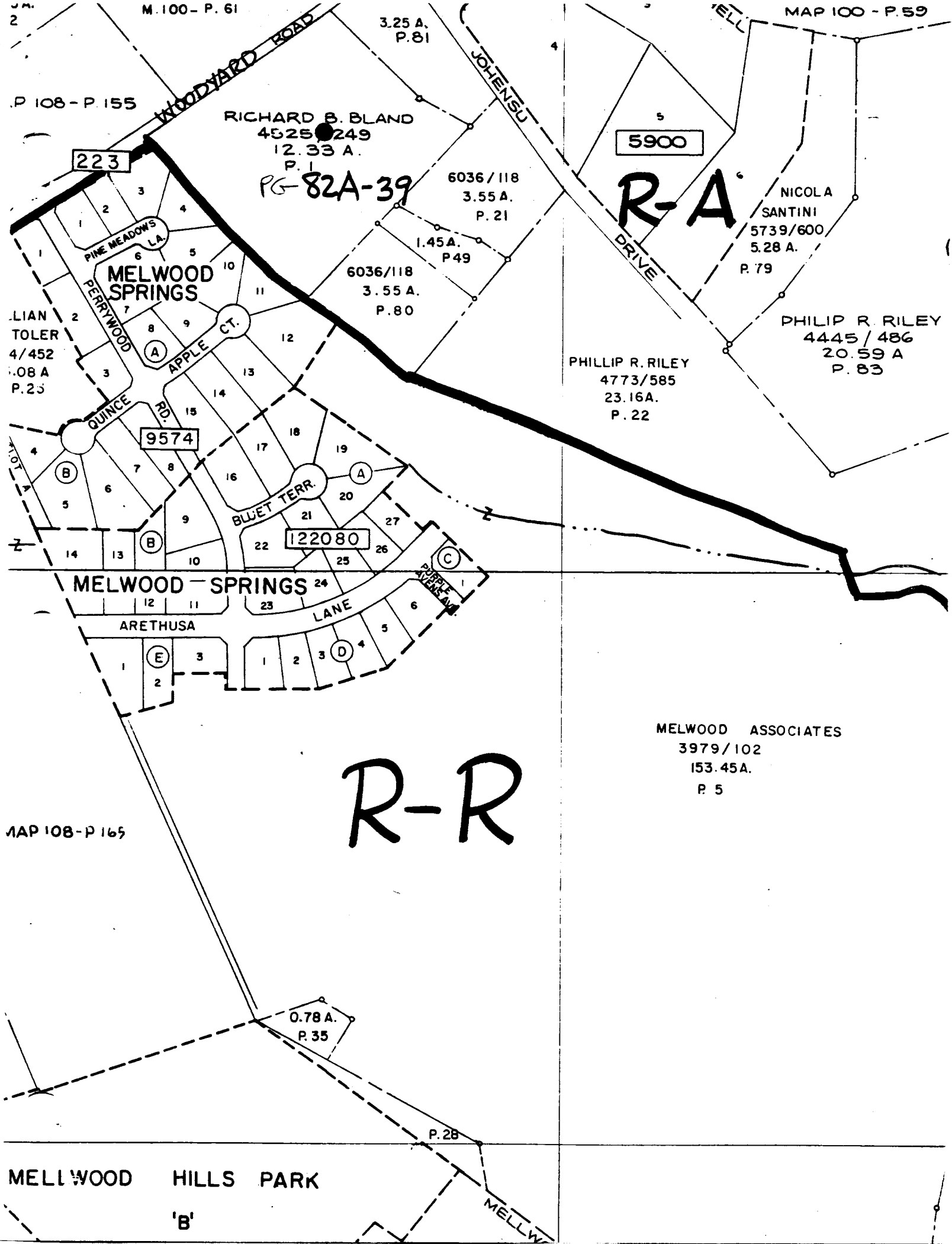
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Signature _____

Chain of Title
Mount Clare
P.G. #82A-39

4525:249 2 Sept. 1975 Deed	From Richard B. and Mary T. Bland (under Richard B. Bland power of attorney) to Richard B. Bland in fee simple, 12.328 acres.
2573:129 10 July 1961 Deed	Fred R. and Adelaide Binger to Richard B. and Mary Bland, 12.328 acres.
WTD #5:512 20 April 1937 Will	Testator, Frederick Binger, to wife Rosa L. Binger during her life, and after her death to son Fred R. Binger, portion of the home farm lying south of the public road from Marlboro Pike to Clinton.
WAJJr #1:153 15 Feb. 1879 Will	Testator, John Binger: to youngest son, Frederick, all residue and remainder of property.
HB #11:5 25 Jan. 1876 Deed	Charles and Mary Clagett to John Binger (one-third interest) and Frederick Binger (two-thirds interest), part of Woodyard, same land recently owned by Richard O. Mullikin, 275-5/8 acres.
HB #9:602 15 Jan 1875 Deed	From Richard O. and Mary Mullikin to Charles Clagett, 284-1/2 acres, same land conveyed to Richard O. Mullikin by Charles Clagett, trustee.
ON #1:409 14 July 1853 Deed	Charles Clagett, trustee, to Richard O. Mullikin, 284-1/4 acres, land of Benjamin Oden, deceased.
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SANTINI
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20.59 A
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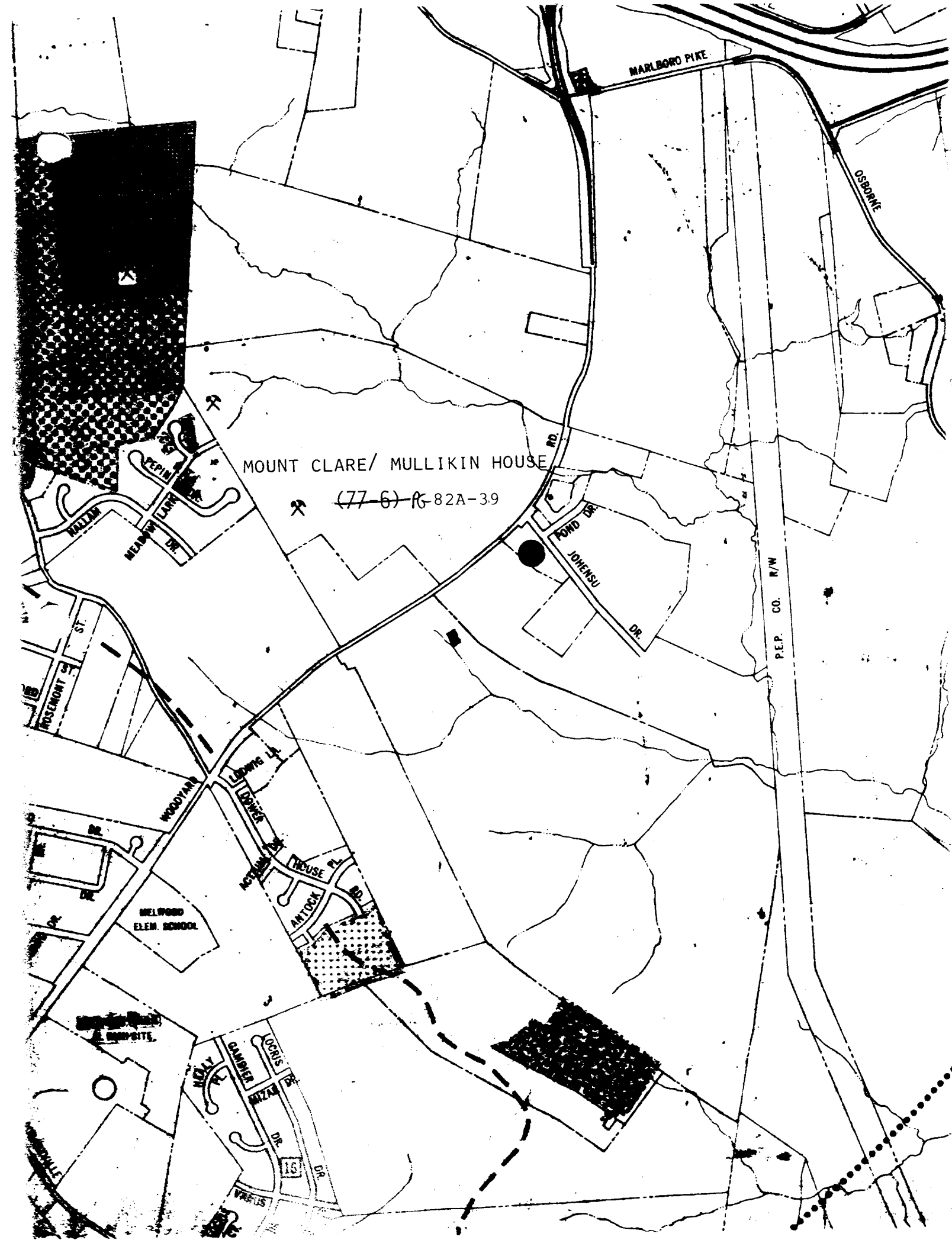
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MELWOOD HILLS PARK

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Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
April 1987
Northwest 3/4 elevation
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North elevation
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P.G. #82A-39

Mount Clare
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
April 1987
South elevation
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust
Annapolis, MD



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Mount Clare
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
April 1987
North entrance
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust
Annapolis, MD



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Mount Clare
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
April 1987
Mantel, west parlor
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust
Annapolis, MD



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Mount Clare
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
April 1987
Staircase
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Annapolis, MD



NAME MT. CLARE / MULLIKIN HOUSE PG #82A-39

LOCATION WOODYARD Rd. (MELWOOD) CLINTON, MD

FACADE NW

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